vals to 100% Export Oriented Projects which are located in the area earmarked for the 100% Export Oriented Units cluster to be developed by the State Government.

(c) The following determinants were considered while taking a decision to establish new Export Processing Zones at Madras, Cochin, Noida, Falta and Visakhapatnam :

(i) proximity of an international seaport or airport;

(ii) existence of an industrial infrastructure;

(iii) availability of commercial infrastructure such as banking, insurance warehousing etc;

(iv) linkage with hinterland for inputs;

(v) existence of communication facilities;

(vi) availability of community infrastructure (housing, health, municipal services etc.).

(d) and (e) Some suggestions had been received for the development of Free Port in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Government have since decided not to establish a Free Port in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Permission to Karnataka Government for Financing of Irrigation Projects through Public Bonds

*417. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought permission of the Central Government to raise resources through public bonds for financing irrigation and power projects; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present scheme of Public Sector Bonds is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Buy-back Agreement for Newsprint with Kenya

*418. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any buy-back agreement for newsprint has been signed with Kenya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any assessment of requirement of newsprint has since been made; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SHREEDHARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Registrar of Newsprint for India has estimated the total requirement of Newsprint for the year 1990-91 at 5.65 lakh tonnes.

Extension of Scheme of Group Insurance by LIC to Handloom Weavers in Private and Cooperative Sectors

*419. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme of group insurance suggested by the LIC with the approval of Government would be extended to cover handloom weavers in the private sector alongwith the handloom weavers in cooperative sector;

(b) whether any representation has been received proposing certain modifications in the scheme to help handloom weavers;

(c) if so, what are the modifications proposed; and

(d) what action has been taken thereon in the light of the modification proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (d) As the administration of a Group Insurance Scheme requires a nodal agency for